



Public Information Meetings

September 17, 2007 (Riverdale)

September 24, 2007 (Jonesboro)

October 1, 2007 (Rex)

October 2, 2007 (Lovejoy)

Agenda

- ◆ Welcome and Introductions
- ◆ Study Background
- ◆ Overview of Study and Key Tasks
- ◆ Preliminary Findings of the Existing Inventory and Assessment
- ◆ Group Discussion
- ◆ Wrap-Up and Next Steps

Background

- ◆ In 2004, County Comprehensive Plan was completed
- ◆ Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) established a CTP funding assistance program for counties within the 18-county region to utilize for developing/updating transportation plans
- ◆ Clayton County recently received approval and funding from ARC to conduct the CTP and selected URS Team to develop the plan
- ◆ The CTP will support decision making and subsequent updates of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

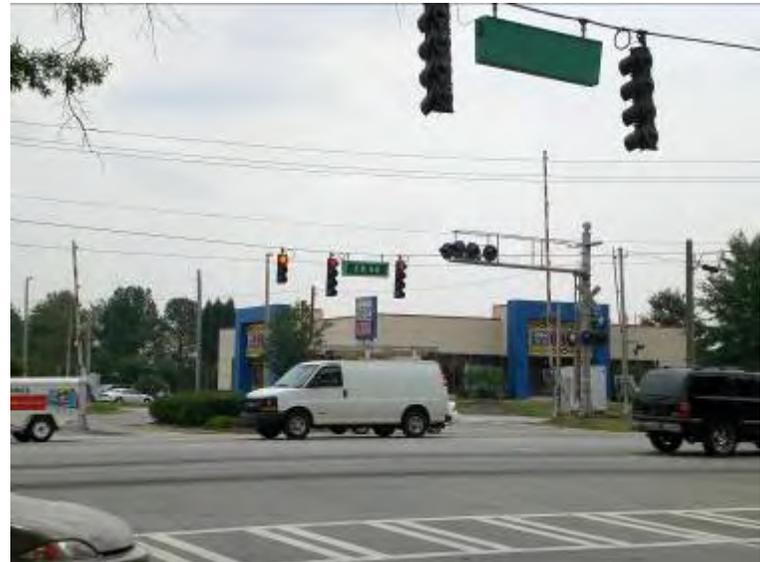
Purpose

- ◆ Identify and understand existing and future multimodal transportation needs
- ◆ Establish Clayton County's priorities for mobility, safety, connectivity, and accessibility
- ◆ Provide long-range guide for efficient transportation system investments
- ◆ Develop transportation policies and program of projects

Overview

Study split into two broad tasks:

- ◆ Phase I – Inventory, Data Collection, Analysis and Needs Assessment
 - Scheduled to run through early 2008
- ◆ Phase II – Development of Improvement Options and Plan Documentation
 - Schedule to conclude in Fall 2008



Overview

Major Tasks Include:

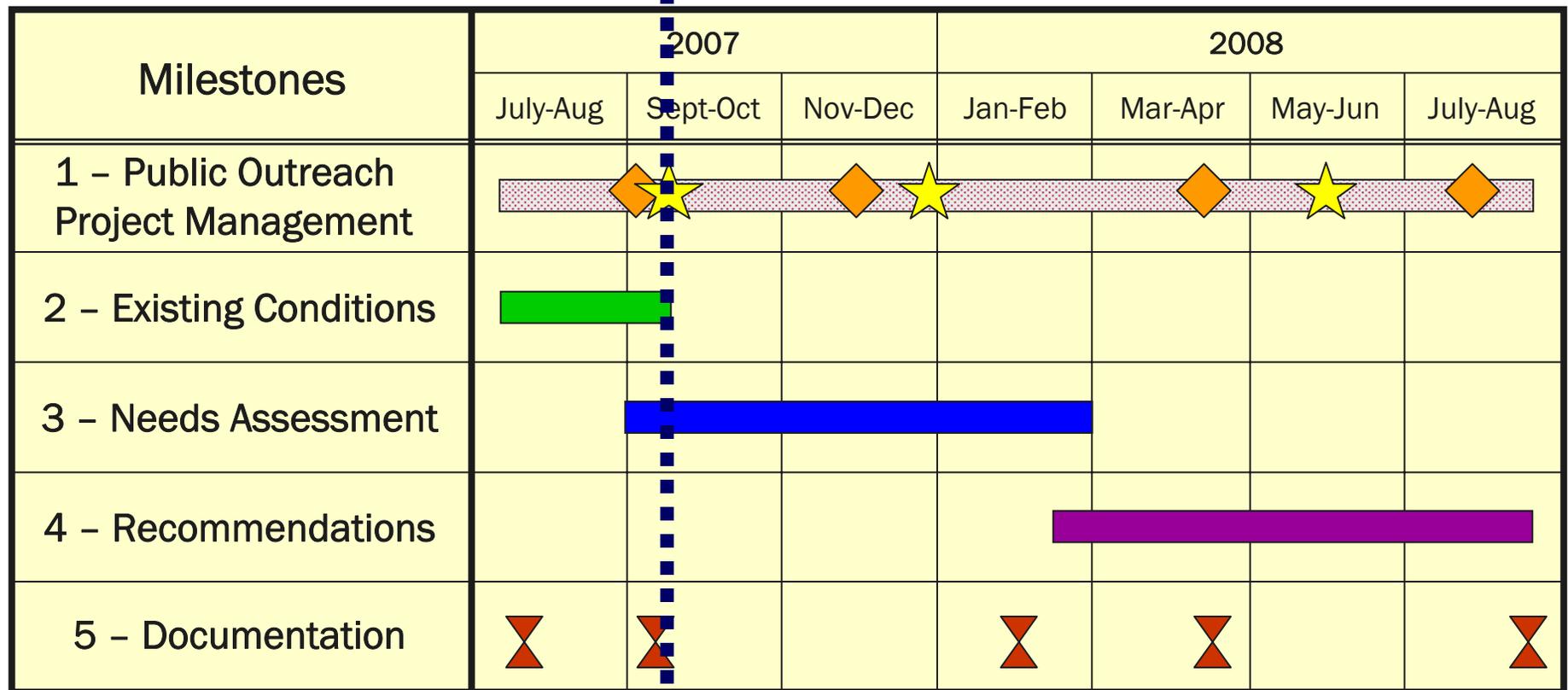
- ◆ Stakeholder and Public Participation
- ◆ Development of Guidelines and Standards
- ◆ Needs Assessment
- ◆ Land Use and Economic Analysis
- ◆ Development of Preferred Program of Projects
- ◆ Investigate Funding Opportunities
- ◆ Maintenance Plan



Schedule



We are here!



- Major Deliverable

- Public Outreach

- SAC Meeting

Preliminary Findings – Population and Employment

- 2006 population: 271,240
- 2005 employment: 108,750
- 2030 population forecast:
24% increase
- 2030 employment forecast:
30% increase
- Clayton is 5th (out of 18 counties) in total population in the Atlanta MPO but is 17th in land area
- Jobs to worker balance: 0.78



Preliminary Findings – **Roadway**

- 43 miles of rural-classified roads
- Over 2290 miles of urban-classified roads; nearly 68% are LOCAL
- Combined vehicle miles traveled for all county roads: 7,510,400
- 78% of commuters drive alone; 14% carpool; 4% use transit
- Daily trips in the county: over 1,082,000



Preliminary Findings – Roadway

- Truck volumes vary across the county (3-8% on arterials; 11% on I-75)
- Level-of-service “E” and “F” (below “acceptable”) is present on several road segments including:
 - Riverdale Road
 - Roberts Drive
 - Upper Riverdale Road
 - Conley Road
 - Anvilblock Road
 - SR 331/Forest Parkway
 - SR 54/Jonesboro Road
 - SR 138
 - Mount Zion Boulevard
 - Flint River Road
 - McDonough Road

Preliminary Findings – Transit

- Five fixed C-TRAN routes
- Began in 2001
- Service has grown from 150,000 annual trips to nearly 140,000 monthly trips
- Serves major destinations such as the Justice Center, HJAIA, Southlake Mall, and the Atlanta Tradeport
- Will be operated by MARTA starting Fall 2007
- Ridership greatest on Route 503 (Riverdale/Mt Zion)



Preliminary Findings – Transit

- GRTA operates two *Xpress* routes from Jonesboro and Riverdale
- Additional route originates at the Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton
- New route scheduled for McDonough (Fall 2007)
- Ridership on Route 440 (Jonesboro/Justice Center) is highest performing *Xpress* route having over 540 daily passenger trips



Preliminary Findings – Bicycle and Pedestrian

- Limited sidewalk facilities throughout the county – common for entire region
- Several major corridors have fairly good sidewalks – Bethaisda Road, Downtown Jonesboro, Forest Parkway, SR 85, SR 138 Spur, Jonesboro Road, and Mount Zion Road
- Pedestrian level-of-service averages “E”
- SPLOST funding 96 miles of sidewalks along 47 corridors



Preliminary Findings – Bicycle and Pedestrian

- Two GDOT Statewide Bicycle Routes traverse the county
 - 5.5 miles of the Central route (mainly along McDonough Road)
 - <1 mile of the Little White House route (along Roosevelt Highway)
- Bicycle level-of-service averages “E”
- Little or no dedicated bicycle facilities (i.e. bike lanes)



Preliminary Findings – Land Use

- Residential uses comprise 52% of all land use in the county
 - The predominant housing type is medium-density residential (39%)
- Moderate gains in commercial and industrial uses, 2003-2025
- Land use dedicated to parks and recreation to see over 800% increase, 2003-2025



Preliminary Findings – **Safety**

- GDOT safety data (2005) shows Clayton had 30 fatalities on county roadways including nine due to alcohol, six due to speed, and four pedestrian
- Total fatalities, Clayton County vs. Atlanta Region: 8th
- When the data is normalized by population, Clayton ranks 16th (out of 18)
- Most common crash types:
 - Rear-End (14,561)
 - Angle (8,917)



Preliminary Findings – Safety

- Top ten high frequency crash intersections in Clayton County:
 - Old Dixie Road at Upper Riverdale Road
 - Tara Boulevard at Fayetteville Road
 - Tara Boulevard at North Avenue
 - SR 85 at SR 138
 - Tara Boulevard at McDonough Road
 - Tara Boulevard at Mount Zion Road
 - SR 54 at Forest Parkway
 - SR 85 at Garden Walk Blvd./Bald Eagle Way
 - Conkle Road at Mount Zion Road
 - SR 138 at I-675



Group Discussion

- ◆ What are your concerns about the existing transportation system?
- ◆ What should the Comprehensive Transportation Plan address?
- ◆ What are your priorities for future transportation expansion?

Next Steps

- ◆ Stakeholder and Local Leader Interviews
- ◆ Finalize development of Existing Conditions Report
- ◆ Initiate Assessment of Current and Future Conditions
- ◆ Development of Guidelines and Standards
- ◆ Focus Groups (*October*)





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